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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of: )  
WATANABE et al ) Art Unit: 2874  
Serial No.: 09/868,766 ) Examiner: Valencia  
Filed: June 21, 2001 )  
For: OPTICAL ATTENUATOR )

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF OCTOBER 10, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the office action of October 10, 2002, please amend the captioned application as follows:

IN THE TITLE

Please delete the present title and substitute therefor the following new title: –OPTICAL FIBER ATTENUATOR WITH ATTENUATING DOPANT LIMITED TO A CENTRAL OR PERIPHERAL AREA OF THE FIBER CORE–.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-10 and substitute therefor the following new claims:

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